

**CLAIMS**

- 1 1. A method of determining a pathway between a source connection point and a  
2 target connection point, such method implemented in a computer system having at  
3 least one database comprising data defining entities as connection points, the method  
4 comprising:
  - 5 A. defining the source connection point as a list of contacts;
  - 6 B. defining the target connection point;
  - 7 C. defining a set of intermediate connection points as a series of  
8 intermediate contacts that collectively define the pathway from the source connection  
9 point to the target connection point, as a function of predetermined relationships  
10 among a superset of contact comprising the intermediate contacts.